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# IRMA TIMES

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## BRUTAL KILLING IS DESCRIBED BY THE MURDERER

Nineteen-Year-Old Youth Described in Callous Way Murder of Uncle

### TROUBLE OVER WILL

After Brooding Over Killing for Some Time, He Dropped the Body in Well

"After I had shot my uncle with the revolver, he asked me for water and I gave him a cup from which he drank two or three times. I saw he was suffering and that he thought he was dying. He asked me for a candle which I gave him and helped to light in his hand. I then asked my uncle to forgive me for what I had done to him and he, in turn, asked me to forgive him for what he had done to me. I then saw he was suffering and not dying—as he had thought—so I took the rifle from the cupboard and shot him through the back. He gave a last gasp and died."

Brutal in the extreme; startling in its elucidation of the minds of men, the foregoing statement was made by nineteen-year-old Simon Wolari, charged with the killing of his aged uncle, Tudor Niekiele, with whom he lived, near Andrew, and on Thursday committed by Geo. Woolley, J. E., to stand his trial for murder at the next competent court of criminal jurisdiction in Edmonton.

The confession was complete in its detail and according to other evidence given by the accused, the murder was committed on the night of December 23rd in the barn on the farm occupied by the uncle and the accused. The boy had been working in the bush the whole of the day and coming home just before sunset, joined in an altercation with the aged uncle. The two battled to and fro in the barn. The boy, and the younger boy could not bear the old man with his fists, so he turned to the use of a gun. He fired a shot which broke the old man's eye, broke the right eye, broke the right hand, and severely cut the leg. The boy, on the ground, then knelt down and begged the old man to get up. He begged and begged but the old man did not get up. He begged and begged but the old man did not get up. He begged and begged but the old man did not get up.

But without the old man did not die and at this stage of the terrible crime, the boy began proceeding with the rifle, that lay in a hole in the back and then passed through the heart.

Although Over Crime  
Until just before daybreak the following morning, the body remained where it had been and the boy, who had thought over his crime. But he had made up his mind to confess the crime. The boy, who had thought over his crime, had made up his mind to confess the crime. The boy, who had thought over his crime, had made up his mind to confess the crime.

Evidence was given at the Andrew hearing by Steve Perle, a neighbor, by Constable J. A. Wood, who assisted in the case; by Dr. Reid, who conducted the autopsy; by Corporal McPherson, of the A. P. P. at Andrew, who had charge of the case throughout; and by William Elcock, interpreter.

Said Uncle Was Missing.  
Steve Perle told that on the day following the crime, the accused came to his place and said that his uncle was missing. Perle agreed to return to the farm with Wolari in an effort to locate the deceased. It was Perle who finally found the old man in the well. Constable Woods gave evidence as to the taking of the body from the well, stating that the only clothing the dead man had on was a shirt which was around the neck. Evidence concerning the finding of the rifle, the revolver and iron bar was furnished by Constable McPherson. Norman Blue, of Mundare, conducted the defence at the hearing; Crown Prosecutor Cogswell taking the case for the crown.

## NEGOTIATIONS NOT BROKEN OFF DEFINITELY

Discussion Between Great Britain and Soviet Russia Merely Postponed

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The negotiations between James O'Grady, representing Great Britain, and Maxim Litvinoff, on behalf of Soviet Russia, which have been going on at Copenhagen, with a view to bringing about repatriation of prisoners, have not been definitely broken off, according to an official announcement today.

The negotiations, the announcement says, were merely postponed to permit the two representatives to return to their respective countries and to consult with their governments.

## LOCAL NEWS

H. F. Tilly of the GTP Pass, Dept. was in town Tuesday.

W. M. Anderson is spending the holidays in Winnipeg.

Chas. Walker returned to Irma Tuesday after visiting friends in the Calgary district.

Education Point school held a Xmas tree and concert last Friday.

Thursday, January 1st, New Years Day. All business houses will close.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark of Manitou, Man. are visiting Mr. J. G. Clark and Mr. W. B. Steele.

Mrs. H. Shaw of Calgary has been spending a few days at Clark Manor.

Miss Burley of Wainwright is spending the holidays with Miss Sadie Lennon.

Thursday, January 1st being a holiday the cream stations will be closed.

R. L. McPherson returned to Irma last Saturday with his bride we understand. Mr. McPherson was married in Edmonton last Thursday.

The pupils and their friends spent an enjoyable evening at Alma Mater school last Friday evening when a Xmas tree and concert was given.

L. S. Shaffer left last Tuesday for Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Shaffer is taking a car of settlers effects. Mrs. Shaffer intends leaving Saturday.

## NOTICE

We wish to announce that next week the Times will not be published. This is the holiday season and the staff of printers have all declared themselves in favor of a holiday, so the public will please take note.

January 9th of the new year will again see the Times with us, boosting and helping to make Irma a real live town.

## Mrs Hockin Remembered.

On Saturday afternoon about twenty members of the Ladies Aid called at the Parsonage and presented Mrs. Hockin with a Xmas gift. Mrs. W. A. Toll made a neat little speech and Mrs. Fenton presented Mrs. Hockin with a purse.

Mrs. Hockin was completely taken by surprise, but thanked the ladies. After singing "For She's a Jolly Good Worker" some of the Ladies served tea and a pleasant hour was spent.

## Sunday Services.

3.00 p.m. Preaching at Roseberry.

7.30 p.m. Preaching at Irma.

## Sunday School

Irma at 11, Roseberry at 2, Alma mater at 2.30. Everybody is invited to these services.

C. G. Hockin, pastor.

## FINNS ARE

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

HELSINKI, Dec. 15.—By a bill passed by parliament today, 1,600 persons, prominent in Finnish life before the rebellion, were released from prison. Altogether 3,000 persons were affected by the decision, the 1,400 others being retained in jail. A large proportion of them are charged with murder and various other crimes. The vote calling for the release of the 1,600 persons was 125 to 68.

## HAY PRICES

MAY REACH RECORD.

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 19.—That the hay prices may this winter go higher even than the \$50 a ton which caused such an outcry last spring is the statement of local dealers here today. Wholesalers say that there is no large supply of hay in sight for this district, and that prices are bound to jump above all former levels.

## FORTY-THREE DROWN WHEN SHIP SINKS

Word Reached Halifax Regarding Tragedy of the Sea—Other Ships in Trouble

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 19.—The captain, first mate, fourth engineer, wireless operator and 49 of the crew of the British steamer Manxman were drowned when their ship foundered in mid-Atlantic on Thursday morning, according to a wireless message sent out by the ship's radio room. The British steamer British Isles, bound for New York, intercepted here this morning.

The dispatch said that all the other officers of the Manxman, the chief steward and 11 of the crew are safe on board the British Isles. The telegram did not state how the men lost their lives but it is presumed they went down with their ship, though there is a possibility that they may have had time to take to the boats and that these subsequently capsized.

The Manxman, which was last reported at Portland, Me., November 30, was on voyage to a transatlantic port and became disabled. The British Isles, from London, December 2nd for Sandy Hook, sighted the distressed ship on Wednesday and stood by her for twenty-four hours, according to a wireless message, with a view to assisting the Manxman to port.

Another Steamer Lost  
London, Dec. 19.—British steamer Lenneth, 1,600 tons gross, bound from Hong Kong to Saigon, Indo-China, has been lost at sea, according to advices to Lloyd's from the Admiralty. The ship was last seen on December 15th, and is believed to have sunk with all hands.

Call for Assistance  
Halifax, N.S., Dec. 19.—Repeated calls for help from the United States shipping board steamer Toka, ashore between Betty's Island and Prospect on a voyage from Rotterdam to Southampton, made a distressing report to the port officials at 5 o'clock Friday morning and sent two scurrying to her assistance. The Toka reported that she was ashore on the west side of Sancho, the graveyard of numerous vessels, that her position was dangerous. Preparations were immediately made to rescue her.

Halifax Police reported that a misfortune has overtaken the small coastal schooner Louisa Maid, owned in Jeddore, following a message received late Thursday from the oil tanker British General, which had sailed from Halifax Thursday morning for Holland, that she had picked up two men from the schooner. The wireless message made no reference to the vessel.

Two Caught in Ice.  
Quebec, Dec. 19.—The steamer Canadian, Recruit, of the Canadian government merchant marine, which stranded in the St. Lawrence and afterwards floated off, was in the grip of the ice off Le Etierne this morning. After crew announced that the ship was out of control, the Canadian Spinner, sister ship to the Recruit, has also been caught in the ice but is not believed to be in any danger.

The Reaches Halifax With Fire.  
Halifax, Dec. 19.—After a four-day battle with a fire and storm, the Red Line steamer, Captain W. W. Smith, arrived in port late Thursday morning, at 6 o'clock. The battle with the flames reached its height yesterday morning when number one hold was flooded in a final endeavor to check the flames.

Crew of 40.  
PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 19.—The steamer Manxman, which met with disaster while bound to Gibraltar from this port, had a crew of 49 men, according to records here. Thirty-six were shipped here, having been sent from New York. The greater number of them were negroes.

The steamer was commanded by Capt. W. G. Burgess of England. She was sold recently by R. Lawrence Smith, limited, to the Universal Transportation company of New York. Her cargo was 200,000 bushels of wheat. At Gibraltar she was to have received orders to proceed to her destination.

W. P. Forhan of New York, joined the Manxman when she left here Dec. 11, as one of the wireless operators. Capt. W. G. Burgess, reported lost, was for a number of years first mate of the steamer. The first mate, also lost, was Frank Gourmay, a Canadian. The Manxman, which was in the transatlantic service to Portland for 20 years, was formerly owned by the White Star Dominion Line, which sold her to R. Lawrence Smith of Montreal.

The crew shipped here, replaced about an equal number who brought the steamer from Norfolk in the latter part of November. The cargo of wheat loaded at the Grand Trunk railway elevators was valued at \$500,000.

## COULD NEITHER READ NOR WRITE WAS STATEMENT

So Boy Who Shoots and Wounds Guard at Industrial School Declares

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Cyrus Gallagher, 10 year old boy, who told county Magistrate Brown that he shot and wounded a school guard and could not read or write, was remanded for sentence having shot and wounded a guard of the Victoria industrial school.

"It is a pitiful thing that the government does not arrange to send such boys to school," remarked the magistrate.

## Put Yourself into the Church.

Anyone attending any of the religious services held in our district must admit that but a comparatively small number of our population are sufficiently touched by the spirit of Jesus to make a collective expression in any way commensurate with our best judgement individually. The majority of people would not like to be called irreligious and yet as a collective unit, we must face the truth, we are irreligious. Why is this so? One reason for this is the prevalence of distrust of our fellows—distrust of our organization and distrust of the men who are chosen to serve thru positions of leadership and responsibility. To right this condition is a heavy task and yet it must be done for the church for many years yet to come must be the agency thru which the highest and holiest visions of living will be made known to men. What can we do to mend matters in this respect? Each of us can analyse his position and in fairness to those of whom we disapprove take the advice of our maker, (Matt 18, verses 15 and following). Mere fault finding is not enough to create right conditions in any community. The church needs all the strengthening you can bring her, and her life and the community are very closely related. Everyone who fails makes it that much more difficult for some one else to stay with the work in spite of offence.

## CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ON CLOTHING PRICES

Planned to Provide for Production of Standard Quality of Cloth

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 19.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here early in January of persons interested in the production of clothing apparel, from the production of the raw material to the consumer of the finished product.

The calling of the conference was announced today by assistant attorney-general Figg, who said that in addition to affecting economies in operation, it was planned to provide for the production of standard quality cloth and garments for sale at a reasonable price, as an inducement to the public to check extravagance in purchasing.

## We Wish You One and All A Very Happy Prosperous New Year

### Some Specials

New Prunes, all sizes and in 5, 10 and 25 lb boxes

Seeded and Seedless Raisins, big stock just in, 5 lb packages are good buying

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New Stock of Overshoes opened up this week

### Week End Special

Unwrapped Apples \$2.40 per box

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**CENTRALIZED  
GERMAN STATE**  
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Prussian state assembly by a vote of 210 to 52, today passed a resolution in favor of a "centralized German state."

**GOVERNMENT'S  
TERMS ACCEPTED**  
TRIESTE, Dec. 19.—Reports from Trieste indicate that in the plebiscite held there yesterday the government's terms were accepted.

**MANSLAUGHTER  
CHARGE WILL BE  
PREFERRED**  
WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 19.—At the conclusion of the inquiry held before Dr. McConnell at the central police station tonight in respect to the death of seven-year-old Louise Dalsstrom, who was fatally injured Tuesday last when struck by an automobile alleged to have been driven by Paul Magnusson, Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham announced that a charge of manslaughter would be preferred against Magnusson. He will be charged before the court this morning.

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# U. S. Must Share in Work Of Aiding Austria

London.—In his speech Thursday Lloyd George referred to the assistance the allies were rendering Austria in food, coal and other supplies, which he described as a mere soup kitchen policy to mitigate a situation regarding large methods.

"But," the Premier continued, "England alone already is severely burdened, and cannot undertake the task of restoring the shattered world and I fail to see what can be done unless America comes frankly with us to take up her share."

Lloyd George defined the delay in connection with the peace treaty with Turkey on the ground of the necessity to know what the United States intended to do. France and Great Britain, he declared, already had heavy burdens, while the United States was under no great extraneous burdens and had her gigantic resources.

It would have been precipitate and led to misunderstanding and suspicions, Lloyd George said, had we not awaited America's decision. We are now entitled to say that we have waited up to the very minute we promised America, and there is no prospect of America coming in.

## D'Annunzio Still at Fiume

Women Said to Be Implored Him to Remain in the City

Trieste.—The withdrawal from Fiume of Gabriele D'Annunzio and his troops, which was set for December 16, did not take place, the women of the town having implored him to remain in his garrison there.

D'Annunzio announces that he will not leave Fiume until a plebiscite approves his departure.

A group of women in Fiume has organized a demonstration against his withdrawal.

## Accident to Captain Alcock

Airplane Crashed Near Cotterdord, in District of Seine Inferieure, Normandy

London.—Captain Sir John Alcock, who made the first non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean, has been seriously injured, according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Rouen. His plane crashed near Cotterdord, in the department of Seine Inferieure, Normandy.

## Four Thousand Saloons Close

Chicago.—Four thousand of Chicago's five thousand saloons will close their doors or go into other business on January 1, according to an estimate by M. J. McCarthy, secretary of the Illinois Liquor Dealers' Protective association. "We really expected to see the saloons open up after the supreme court action," he said, "and the decision upholding war-time prohibition took the pep out of the owners."

## To Celebrate Gen. Wolfe's Birthday

London.—The 193rd anniversary of Wolfe's birthday will be celebrated January 2 at Westminster, Kent, his birthplace, by the usual dinner. Sir George Perley, Canadian high commissioner, has accepted an invitation.

# New Premier Endorsed By Ontario Farmers

Toronto.—Unanimously endorsing the election of Mr. Drury and his colleagues in the provincial cabinet as government representatives of the farmers in this province, the session of the U.F.O., held in Massey hall in connection with the annual convention, was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in that commodious building.

A formal resolution to this effect was carried without a moment's hesitation, and when Premier Drury arose to express his thanks for this he was greeted with exceedingly hearty cheering.

"I thank you most sincerely," he said "for your expression of confidence in myself and my colleagues. It is with a feeling of great humility as well as with recognition of the honor you have conferred upon me

## Railway Schedule Will Stand

Companies Decide to Carry Out Scheme of Curtailment Previously Announced

Montreal.—It was stated by leading officials of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways that there was little present indication of any change with regard to the curtailment of train service on those lines owing to the coal shortage due to the bituminous coal strike in the United States. With one or two minor exceptions, it was said, the curtailment plans would be carried out as already announced. It is therefore apparent that reductions in the service announced by the two railways will continue until further notice, and certainly until the coal condition improves. It will depend on two factors, winter operating conditions and the ordinary coal supply.

It will not interfere immediately with holiday traffic, as many of the changes will not go into effect until after the New Year.

## Millions are Starving

Hoover Says Immediate Help Must Be Sent Central Europe

Washington.—Starvation faces from fifteen to twenty million persons in Central Europe outside Germany unless some means can be discovered for their assistance, Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished, the predicted a break down of stable government in the countries affected and creation of another cesspool like Russia.

To meet the situation, Mr. Hoover proposed that the "great surplus of wheat and corn" held by the grain set-aside be sold on credit to Poland, Poland, Austria and other nations of Central Europe.

The grain corporation, he said, could extend the credit out of the capital already proposed without a call for special appropriations by congressmen.

## Handing Over the Spoils

Huns' Big Effort to Comply With Conditions of Peace

London.—Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for War, announced in the House of Commons that the Germans had handed over to the allies 5,000 guns, 25,000 machine guns, 3,000 trench mortars and 1,700 airplanes. They had still failed to deliver 42 locomotives and 4,760 railway trucks. The secretary said that the Germans had made a tremendous effort to comply with the conditions imposed upon them.

## Prince of Wales to Visit Australia

London.—Announcement by the Prince of Wales at King Edward hospital fund meeting that he is proceeding to Australia and New Zealand about March for six or seven months has excited great interest.

Comments on the announcement predict for him a great success and a reputation, to use his own words, of "a wonderful time in Canada."

## Want Limitation of Newsprint in U. S.

Bill Would Restrict Papers to Using Same Quantity as Last Year

Washington.—A new plan for restricting use of print paper was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Hoch, Republican, Kansas. The Hoch bill would restrict all newspapers and periodicals from using more paper in the first six months of 1919 than was used in the first half of 1918. The restriction would take into consideration circulation and new publications.

Under the Hoch bill no publisher would be given second class mailing privileges without filing a pledge to observe the limitation, and violators would suffer the penalty of paying third class postage rates.

## Currency and Exchange

Austen Chamberlain Says Nations Must Solve Problem of Currencies

London.—Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the course of a debate in the House of Commons on the question of currency and exchange, expressed the opinion that the problems could be solved by international effort, in which the largest share of the work necessarily must be borne by nations possessing the largest means, not those who were in the war from the first day to the end, but the United States and neutrals, who suffered much less than the belligerents.

The Chancellor said that those members of parliament who suggested that he should lecture or coerce the finance ministers of foreign countries, failed to appreciate the delicacy of the problem, and he believed such a course would promote the desired settlement.

## Art Treasures For Security

Allies Take Fine Works as Security For Loan

Paris.—The art treasures of Austria, like the famous Mona Lisa and other paintings, although brought to France by Napoleon, will be taken as security by the Allies in exchange for food and coal, which are to be sent at once to the famished republic. It has decided to send an inter-allied commission, composed of art experts, to value the fine works of art in the Vienna museums and galleries, although authorities like M. Koehlin, of the Louvre museum, who is to head the French delegation, believe it will be practically impossible to value some of the paintings, because they are priceless.

## Massacre Report Denied

Report Was Obviously Bolshevik Propaganda

London.—Official denial of the report circulated by the Russian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred the British garrison of 1,300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the War Office. The announcement stated that this report had been repeated to the War Office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command.

It is declared by officials here that the report was obviously Bolshevik propaganda intended to stir up trouble in the east, particularly in India.

## Immediate Help for Austrians

Paris.—After further consideration of Austria's requirements for the relief of her distressing food conditions, the supreme council decided that it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at least, to go forward at the rate of \$8,500,000 monthly.

Belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary would reach \$100,000,000, which is the amount Chancellor Renner asked the council to loan to Austria.

## St. Catharines Schools Closed

St. Catharines.—Closing of all the public and private schools of the city has been ordered through the city board of health because of the presence of six cases of smallpox in the city. The board also asked the city council to put the Vaccination Act into force.

## Manitoba May See Election in July

Winnipeg.—That the next provincial general election would be held probably in July, but that no definite announcement would be made until after the session of the legislature, was the statement of Premier Norris. The new voters' list, he mentioned, would be practically double the one on which the last election took place.

## Canteen Profits in England and France

Lieut.-Col. Cherry Reaches Ottawa With \$35,000,000 as Canada's Share

Ottawa.—The Ottawa Journal says: "A real Christmas hand-pick of soldiers has arrived in Ottawa. He is Lieut.-Col. Cherry, of the pay and audit branch of the department of militia and defence, and he has brought back with him from England the sum of \$35,000,000, Canada's share of the profits of the canteen forces. As all of the money received by these canteens came from the pockets of the soldiers in England and France, it is regarded as proper that the money should go back to the soldiers."

"A suggestion that the money should be turned over to be administered by the patriotic fund does not find favor among the few soldiers in Ottawa who have knowledge of it. They point out that the soldiers' money should be distributed by soldiers."

## Artful Bank Robbery

Assembled Staff of Bank in a Room and Locked the Door

Aix La Chapelle.—A French soldier wearing the uniform of a captain of the Belgian army called upon the German chief of police here and demanded that he loan him three German policemen to search a local bank. His request was complied with, and the soldier posted one policeman at the outside door of the bank. He then assembled the staff of the bank and the manager in a room, the door of which he locked. After this he ordered the two other police to stand watch over the prisoners, and they were also put under lock and key. The soldier then entered the vault of the bank, coolly took one million marks, and walked away from the building. The policeman stationed as a sentry at the door became suspicious and shadowed the supposed officer and watched him enter a cafe, from which he emerged a few minutes later dressed as a civilian.

## Express Company Thru

Leave to Appeal Is Granted in Case of Consigning Champagne Through Ottawa

Ottawa.—Judgment was rendered in police court by Magistrate Askwith in the case of the Canadian Express Company, which was charged with transporting a quantity of liquor from Montreal to Ottawa in violation of the order-in-council passed February 24, 1919. The company was fined \$202, but leave was granted at the request of Messrs. Pringle and Guthrie, counsel for the defence, for a stated case to be taken to the Appeal Court. In the meantime, the liquor shipment, comprising 35 cases of champagne, which was billed to the Country Club, must remain in possession of the police. The court refused a request iathered by the defence for the liquor to be handed over to the defendant company for reshipment to Bolvin-Wilson Company, Montreal, the consignors.

## Customs Officers Seize Steamer

Halifax, N.S.—The Western Union cable steamer Robert C. Lowery, which was raised after her arrival from St. Pierre, Mig., by local temperance officers and police officers, who found a large quantity of liquor in the crew's quarters on the steamer, was seized by the customs department. Bonds will be given for her release pending decision by the department under its laws. No charge will be brought under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

## Saskatchewan Grain All Threshed

Regina, Sask.—As a result of the extremely early winter weather, it was feared by the provincial department of agriculture that considerable quantities of grain might have remained unthreshed in Saskatchewan. Information has been gathered from all districts that show that practically all grain has been threshed, with the exception of some fax and a quantity of wheat in the district north of Saskatoon.

## Release of U.S. Goods

Washington.—Great Britain is prepared now to release American-owned goods seized during the war upon the establishment of their American ownership at the time the goods were shipped, the State Department was advised by the British Foreign Office.

## Won't Remain Neutral

Brussels.—The Belgian government will not remain absolutely neutral in its state of affairs, according to the Independence Belge.

# Britain Awaits The Ratification Of Agreement

## Royal Family Sees Film Of Prince's Tour

Albert Hall Was Crowded When Motion Pictures Were Shown

London.—The Albert Hall was crowded when the King and Queen and Princess Mary and the younger princes attended a display given by the Canadian Pacific Railway on behalf of the London hospitals of films depicting the Prince of Wales' Canadian tour.

Sir George Perley presided, and the royal party remained during the greater part of the show. The audience maintained a running fire of enthusiasm as the incidents in every town visited by the Prince came into view.

## German Ship Ablaze

Frequency of Fires Leads to Arrest of Aliens

London.—Another vessel was added to the list of former German ships mysteriously afire while lying at the Thames docks, when the Boonah, under charter of the Australian government and loaded with a general cargo, scheduled to sail, discovered two holds blazing while waiting at the Royal Albert docks.

The frequency of such blazes is believed to be connected with the arrest of four men on the night of Dec. 13 on the landing, which was made public here. The quartette resisted arrest, but the men were taken into custody by dock police and are still being held. All are foreigners.

## Policemen Aid Burglars

Evidence Is Obtained Sufficient to Convict at Least Six Officers

New York.—Evidence sufficient at least to convict six policemen who have aided burglars in five recent robberies in Brooklyn and Manhattan of property valued at more than \$200,000 is in possession of District Attorney Lewis, of Brooklyn, he has announced. Two policemen are already under arrest and the district attorney declared that four other blue coats belonged to a gang of burglars, who not only perpetrated several daring burglaries, but invaded the wholesale clothing district and carted away truckloads of wearing apparel.

## To Confer on Fiume

London.—Premier Lloyd George and Premier Nitti, of Italy, have been invited to meet Premier Clemenceau, of France, and possibly an American representative, in Paris in the course of a few days, it was stated here. An effort to settle the question of Fiume is the purpose of the meeting.

## French Consulate Destroyed

Constantinople.—The French consulate here was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

# Relief From High Prices Not Yet In Sight

## Ammunition Explosion in Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Wire Communication Was Broken, Preventing News Being Obtained

Dover, N.J.—An explosion of ammunition at Picatinny Arsenal occurred Wednesday midnight.

Government officials phoned to Dover to send available fire apparatus, and a few minutes later wire communication with the arsenal was cut off. It could not be ascertained if there was loss of life. The fire could be seen for several miles.

At 1.15 a.m. shells were exploding at intervals in the burning arsenal. Several hundred have been employed there, which has maintained operation since the signing of the armistice, manufacturing powder. Nothing is as yet known as to any casualties.

## Future Aviation

Airship Service Between U. S. and England Coming

London.—A weekly airship service to America is contemplated by a combination of aviation firms, which are credited with the intention of acquiring the famous R-34 and her sister ship, the R-35, for the purpose of altering to meet passenger and cargo requirements.

With reference to the Anglo-United States-French conventions, he said that the British government had given no understanding on the subject for the simple reason that it could not imagine that the United States would dishonor the signature of its great representative.

He admitted that for Great Britain to undertake the charge alone would be a serious obligation, which he would not enter upon without the consent of parliament.

Adding to his Russian statement, he said it was a dismal prospect, but they could only keep vigilant watch until Russia issued from its present darkness with a stable government to carry on its negotiations.

## U.S. Liquor Interests to Take Action

Chicago.—Liquor interests estimate their losses as a result of the enforcement of the war-time prohibition law at \$400,000,000, according to a statement made here by Levy Mayer, chief counsel for the distillers in the middle west.

He announced that a suit to recover approximately this sum from the United States government will soon be filed in the court of claims at Washington.

## Montreal Hotel Scheme Prohibited

Montreal.—The city authorities have decided not to waive the city bylaw which forbids the erection of buildings more than ten stories. It was requested to do so by a number of prominent citizens who supported a scheme to erect a 16-storey hotel here.

## Favors Centralized German State

Berlin.—The Prussian state assembly, by a vote of 210 to 32, passed a resolution in favor of a centralized German state.

## Winnipeg—There is no hope for relief from the present high prices for some time to come, according to a statement issued by members of the board of commerce.

There will be no relief, the commissioners declare, until international trade conditions return to normal.

"With the high prices of wheat and mill feeds, and the creating of a fierce demand for all products, it is hopeless for some time to expect any relief from present price conditions," the commissioners assert.

Present conditions have been created upon by some dealers to profiteer, the board charges. It is pointed out, however, that all high prices are not the result of profiteering. Many are due to natural increases forced by conditions growing out of the war. That export trade is being fostered to the benefit of manufacturers and producers at the expense of the consumer, is another allegation.







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Friday, Dec. 26th 1919

## EXPERT ON COAL PRODUCTION COSTS IS ONLY WITNESS

Gates Expresses the Belief That Present Wages Paid to Miners Are Sufficient

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Attorney-General Palmer will appear before the senate committee investigating the coal situation Friday or Saturday, Chairman Frelighuysen announced tonight after a brief session of the committee.

The attorney-general, it was indicated, will be asked to explain the basis of the agreement, which ended the strike and caused the resignation of former Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Mr. Palmer, it was said, would leave Chicago late tonight for Washington, having cancelled his speaking engagement.

J. W. Gates, an expert on coal production costs, who was the only witness heard today by the senate committee, expressed the belief that the present wages paid the miners were sufficient, and that any increase granted them must eventually come from the public's pocket.

"Coal operators are not making big profits this year," Mr. Gates said, "and in my opinion they cannot entirely absorb the 14 per cent. increase which the government has already allowed."

## ITALIAN FOOD CONTROLLER ON WHEAT POSITION

ROME, Dec. 19.—Signor Murialdi, the food controller, in a statement issued today on the supply situation in Italy, declared the nation during the past week had produced 16,000,000 quintals of wheat, as compared with 18,000,000 last year.

The needs of the civil population, he said, amounted to 12,000,000 quintals yearly. Hope was expressed that the six million quintals, which it was estimated would be needed for the army, would be reduced to 2,000,000 quintals.

Wheat has been sold by the government at sixty lire per quintal, the food controller stated, without reference to the price paid in order that the people might be fed. This practice, he said, had resulted in very heavy losses for the state which would result in an increase of the selling price of wheat to ninety lire per quintal, the price paid for it in Italy. The price of bread, he added, would in consequence be doubled.

Signor Murialdi said the government had been forced to pay 130 lire for wheat imported from Argentina and 180 lire when bought in North America.

## C.P.R. PORTER ROBS PASSENGER OF \$178

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 19.—J. E. Barnes, a porter on C.P.R. east bound train No. 8, between Calgary and Winnipeg, wanted to buy Christmas presents for all his friends. But he "broke." As a result of this Christmas spirit, he relieved a passenger of \$178.

He appeared in the provincial court today but the magistrate did not have the same conception of the Christmas spirit as Barnes and sentenced him to one year in jail without the option of a fine.

## VERY FEW CANADIAN FIGHTING MEN NOW LEFT IN ENGLAND

By End of Present Month Number Will Have dwindled to 1030

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.—Greater speed has been made in the demobilization of Canada's fighting men than was believed possible at the time the armistice was signed, according to a statement handed out this evening by the department of overseas military forces in Canada.

By the end of the present month the total number of all ranks remaining in England will have dwindled to 1,030, while the number of active pay accounts dropped from 42,446 to 10,441 within a year of the signing of the armistice.

The statement was made by the chief of the overseas military forces in Canada, and it was hoped it expressed that it will not even be a "white" category after the end of the next parliamentary session. The bulk of the demobilization work formerly done by the War Office has been transferred to Ottawa, leaving a small emergency reserve to clear up minor details under the direction of Major-General J. H. MacBrien.

## Inter Church Movement.

The Inter Church convention held in Edmonton Dec. 1 and 2 is significant of the times in which we live. Every factor in developing righteousness and love in the life of individuals and communities and the world must be strengthened and each agency for the broadening of the sphere of the Kingdom of Christ on earth must not only stand by itself but stand with others to make righteousness prevail in all the world.

The interchurch forward movement is the result of this vision of co-operative service in the church life taking hold of five of the largest protestant bodies in Canada, Presbyterian, Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational, and working together to make the development each one feels should be made within themselves in order that the broadest sphere of christian influence may be reached.

Two very outstanding facts were brought out by the convention. First, that much of the world is not under christian influence, and Second, that christianity brings the greatest hope for all peoples and nations of conditions of peace and justice and happy life. Each of the speakers (and they represented four of the churches mentioned before) and they knew of conditions in China, Japan, Africa as well as in Canada, left no doubt but that the above statements are true. The broader the vision the more intense the conviction that the church must give Christ to the world. It must be done by the deepening of the desire for real Christlikeness in individual life and more manifestation of Christ's spirit in social relations as well as in a keener interest in expansion and missionary work. This is a day of working together. Let us each in the Viking spirit give the quota of life and time and means due.

## VIKING

Mrs. Rollans leaves this week for Bowden where she will make her future home. Miss Muriel Rollans will spend the Xmas holidays with friends in Edmonton and Calgary.

The Misses Minnie-Sheets, Stella Hoines, Nan Stocum, Ida Hoines, Irene Maxwell, Gertie Gallagher, who are attending the Canrose Normal, and Hazel Britton and Mildred Bishop of the Alberta College, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays here.

Dr. M. M. McLeod returned last Friday from the G. W. V. A. conference in Edmonton. Mr. McLeod was a delegate from the local organization. Several resolutions were adopted at the convention that will have a far reaching influence upon the G. W. V. A. in Canada. The delegates were entertained at a dinner given by the City of Edmonton when several prominent Canadians were present, including Sir Sam Hughes, and Lt. Col. Turner, V.C.

Mr. W. McAffey earned a signal honor with the Canada Life Assurance Co. last year in that he wrote the most insurance of any local agent of the company in Northern Alberta. At the convention held in Edmonton last week he was presented with a handsome 45-piece silver set as a prize for being their leading agent. We congratulate Mr. McAffey.

A social dance was held at A. W. Neefe's last Friday evening in honor of Miss Neefe who is leaving this week for Coatesford, Penn., U.S.A. The dance was largely attended by folks both from the town and country and a good time was had by all. The lunch served at midnight was most delicious.

The G.W.V.A. held a social evening in Cooke's hall last Saturday after their usual business session when many items of importance affecting the veterans in this district were discussed. The program consisted of musical and vocal numbers which were greatly enjoyed by the veterans, their wives and friends. After serving a light lunch a dance was held in McLeod's hall until midnight.

## WAR MEMORIALS.

Official Announcement Regarding Canadian Plans.

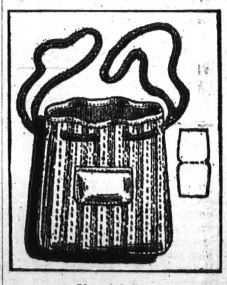
To set at rest misunderstandings which have arisen regarding the erection of Canadian war memorials in France and Belgium, an official statement was issued in London from Argyle House. It is pointed out that all such arrangements must be approved by the British Battle Exploits Memorial Committee, who will decide whether the application will clash with that of any other units. The statement says:

"Certain zealous people may have tried to make arrangements for sites without passing applications through the proper channel, and even had offers made to them personally. Such offers must not be confused with claims submitted by the Canadian Government through its proper officials. It has been thought in some quarters that the Canadian Government has shown a certain degree of laxity in accepting offers of land. On the contrary, the Canadian Government were the first to submit detailed plans to the British Battle Exploits Memorial Committee, and the plans submitted were the first to receive the approval of the committee in its entirety. The sites approved by the Imperial Committee are: St. Julien, Courcellette, Observatory Ridge (Sanctuary Wood), Vimy (Hill 145), Passchendaele, Caix (between Caix and Le Quenel), Dury (Droocourt-Quenel line), and Bourlon Wood."

"Col. H. T. Hughes, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has the Canadian interests in hand, attended a conference at Ottawa at which Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, Hon. Martin Burrell, acting Prime Minister, Sir George Perley and Major-General Mowburn were present. It was decided not to fix up on the type or design of memorials until the titles of the property and permission to build have been obtained. Col. Hughes has proceeded to France and Belgium to complete surveys and make arrangements to secure land and obtain the titles. A preliminary estimate of \$500,000 was authorized by Parliament for the memorials, and representatives of the War Graves' Commission have been instructed to render assistance to Col. Hughes, and both the War Office and the Foreign Office are giving such assistance as will undoubtedly much facilitate matters. The Belgian Government, with characteristic generosity, have expressed their willingness to do all they can to present the sites required for Canada. It is understood the Imperial authorities have under consideration the erection of a memorial at Menin Gate, Ypres. This will probably take the form of an Imperial memorial as distinct from a Canadian memorial. The two subjects are entirely distinct."

Nowadays it is absolutely necessary to take a strong and roomy bag when doing the daily shopping, and our sketch shows a very handy type of bag for this purpose.

It can be carried out with a remnant of this stout carpet or any other strong material, and can be made in any size to suit different requirements. The diagram on the right of the illustration roughly gives the shape of the piece of material that will be required; it is folded at the point



Shopping Bag.

marked by the dotted line, and sewn together at the sides. The opening of the bag is bound with braid, and just below this a number of eyelets are let in, and through these eyelets a piece of strong blind-cord is threaded, by which the opening may be drawn together, and also by which the bag may be carried.

Sewn on in front of the bag and bound at the edge with tape is a small linen pocket, into which bills may be slipped.

Kept Old Funeral Custom.

Following an old family custom, the body of Mrs. H. H. Haigh, daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, was buried at midnight in the family vault at the Little village church at Waltham, England. The body of Mrs. Haigh, who was eighty-nine years of age, was brought from Penrhyn-dreath, Wales, and conveyed from the station to the church in a farm wagon, drawn by four black horses and escorted by three dignified carrying lanterns. Sir Weismann acted as bearers. The only floral tribute was a large cross of evergreens.

## The Word "Selah."

The word "Selah," which occurs so frequently in the Psalms, is usually believed to be a direction to the musicians who chanted the Psalms in the temple. Matthewson, the great musical critic, wrote a book on the subject, in which, after rejecting a number of theories, he came to the conclusion that it is equivalent to the modern "da capo," and is a direction that the air or song is to be repeated from the commencement to the part where the word is placed.

## OIL TANK AROUND OFF CAPE BLANCO.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 19.—Reports were received here tonight that the oil tank steamer J. A. Chandler was around off Cape Blanco, apparently broken in two and waterlogged. There was no sign of the crew. The government life saving crew Barton left for the scene tonight.

HIGH COMMISSIONERS WILL SIGN PEACE TREATY LONDON, Dec. 19.—The high commissioners of Canada, Australia, Newfoundland, New Zealand and South Africa left for Paris today, where they will sign the peace treaty. The formal signatures of the commissioners will be appended Saturday and they will start on the return for London Saturday evening.

A country editor offers the following summary of his experience: Ben broke 300 times  
Had money 65 times  
Prayed by the public 6 times  
Asked to drink 8 times  
Refused to drink 0 times  
Missed prayer meeting 52 times  
Ben roasted 524 times  
Washed the office towel 0 times  
Missed meals 0 times  
Taken for a preacher 11 times  
Taken for a capitalist 0 times  
Found money 0 times  
Taken bath 6 times  
Delinquents paid 27 times  
Paid in conscience 0 times  
Got whipped 10 times  
Whipped the other fellow 0 times  
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**STRAYED**—to SW 20-47-S, white face heifer, rising 2 yrs., OV on right ribs and blotched brand on left ribs. Owner can have same by paying expenses. A. Barker. 45-5p

**LOST**—since September. 1 bay mare 3 yrs old branded W7 (half diamond below, on right thigh, 1 red heifer with white face, horns broken off, rising 2 yrs, same brand. \$5 reward each for information leading to recovery. D. W. Wakefield, Fabvan, Alberta. 45-5p

**STRAYED**—One bay mare, two years old, white star on forehead; 1 black yearling mare, two years old, 1 black yearling mare, narrow white strip on forehead. All banded F on right jaw, \$25.00 reward for recovery of above. N. Fluvog, S.E. 36-44-10, Irma, P.O. 5tp

**WANTED**—Oat straw, or Green Feed. H. W. Love.

**STRAYED**—Red Heifer, yearling KF on right hip, tips off both ears. W. Jenkins, Jarrow. 45-5p

**STRAYED**—one dark bay mare rising three yrs old, white star on forehead, black legs, shows Shire breeding, has old wire scar on hind leg. Notify H. A. Campbell, or J. G. Rae. Irma and receive reward. 41-5p

**STRAYED**—from the S. W. 4 of 28-48-10, dark roan cow with heifer calf, red yearling steer, spring heifer calf with some white in face, all branded DV on right shoulder. \$5.00 reward or \$15.00 for recovery of the bunch. David Whidden, Jarrow, Alta. 41-5p

**STRAYED**—3 white face cows, branded on left ribs

TE or ET on right ribs  
Finder please notify Col Rohrer, Stettler, Alta., and expenses will be paid. 39tn

**STRAYED**—red and white yearling branded M or MC on right hip. T. H. C. Carter, Jarrow, suitable reward. 45-5p

**\$10 REWARD** for recovery to Sec. 1-46-3 for all steers branded TG on left ribs. J. G. Clark.

**\$5 REWARD** will be paid to person giving information leading to recovery of one yearling heifer with white face, dehorned, branded GK on left hip. W. Clark, Clark Manor, Alta. 44-6t

**FOR SALE**—Berkshire boar. H. Wilson, NW 7-46-8, Irma.

**TAKEN UP**—under the stray animal act, dark iron grey stallion, 4 or 5 yrs old, no visible brand. H. W. Love, Irma, NE 24, 46, 9.

**STRAYED**—Red steer branded SY on right h.p. Smart Bros., Box 508, Irma. 40-4p

**2 STRAYS**—Roan steer, branded Y on right hip. Red heifer branded

CF on right ribs

H. A. Whidden, Jarrow. 30-2p

**STRAY**—3 head of cattle branded on left ribs, ear marked A slit in bottom of both ears. \$5.00 reward per head for information leading to recovery. W. H. Kint, Fabvan, Alberta. 40-4p

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**REWARD**—Strayed from 2, 46, 8, one mile west of Clark Manor, 1 large red white cow with Hereford heifer calf also a red steer coming 3 yrs old. Cow and steer have round ear tags in both ears branded 29 on left ribs and have old brand DV on left shoulder of \$5 on each animal will be given for information leading to recovery. W. M. Anderson, box 874, Irma. 45-7c

**STRAYED** to my place one red heifer, branded T 3 on left ribs. George Therou, Jarrow. 45-5p

**STRAYED** from SW 32-46-8, red and white steer, 2 yrs old, branded JE on right hip. \$5.00 reward for recovery. McLean & Patterson. 45-6p

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### Best Wishes.

Another Christmas season with its messages of joy and gladness and peace and goodwill to all the earth is with us and calls us to be glad according to the measure of our confidence in the coming of Christ to bring this to pass. May each of you in this Xmas time find heavenly joy and glory in the sincere wish of the pastor of the Irma church, C.G. Mockin.

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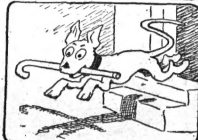
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## COAL SPRINGS.

The Coal Spring school closed last Friday for the winter vacation, and on Saturday evening a fine programme was given for which the teacher, Mrs. A. Knudson, deserves great credit for the efficient manner in which the children were trained and program carried out. A Xmas tree was held in connection with the program and the committee who had this in charge also deserve their share of credit for the arrangements of this part of the evening's entertainment. Rev. Braa of Viking was with us and gave a short talk on what Xmas should mean to everyone. The gathering of over eighty people dispersed at midnight after spending a very enjoyable evening.

Sunny Brea school held a Xmas tree and concert last Friday afternoon. A good program was rendered and everybody enjoyed the entertainment.

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### Cupid Held up the Check

This letter, received from a customer of a big concern may explain why payments are sometimes late: "I enclose check for \$12.20 to balance the long overdue account, and thank you for your forbearance. I confess to having been altogether too careless, but must shunt part of the fault over to my bookkeeper, who is, and has been, so completely saturated with thoughts of love that she has at times been sitting serenely above such mundane things as my accounts."

A Spacious Bedroom Easterner (after first day's work on a big Western ranch): "Will you please show me where I can sleep to-night?" Rancher: "Where you can sleep! Great Scott, man, here's 10,000 acres; just pick out any blame spot that suits you and go to it."

### Cruel Words

"Now that we are settled in our new home," said the bride, "don't you think it would be a good idea to give a little dinner to some of our friends? I'll cook the dinner myself." "Yes," replied her husband, looking up from his plate. "I think that would be a good way to test their friendship."

## DENIAL GIVEN TO CANTEEN FUNDS STORY

Officials at Ottawa Characterize  
\$35,000,000 Newspaper Article  
as "Fairy Tale"

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—An unqualified denial of a newspaper story to the effect that the sum of \$35,000,000 had been brought to Canada as this country's share in the profits of the British expeditionary force canteen system was given this evening by high officials of both the militia department and the department of overseas military forces of Canada. Officials of the latter department characterized the article as a "fairy tale." Although no definite statement is forthcoming as to what Canada will receive as her proportion of the profits of the British canteen system, it is understood that the amount will be but a small fraction of that mentioned in the story. It is also believed that no allotment has yet been made of these funds, and that they are still under the control of the army and navy canteen fund.

## KINSELLA

Thos. Overbo has returned from Washington after being away almost five years. Tom is an old time settler here and his many friends are glad to see him back.

P. J. Wangeness has installed a lighting plant in his store which is giving real good satisfaction.

Arthur and Knude Overbo have left for Edmonton where they will stop a while and then go on to the coast for the balance of the winter.

J. J. Overbo has recovered from his painful accident and has moved into town and is now able to give six days a week service in his barber shop. He expects to have a couple of billiard tables installed in his hall in the near future.

F. J. Murray has added to his store a stock of dry goods and is prepared to serve the public in this line as well as hardware.

## PHILLIPS

A happy home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCormick at Phillips, on December 10th, when their youngest daughter Mary, was united in marriage to P. J. Griffiths, of Edmonton. The bride was charmingly attired in white silk while the bridesmaid, Miss McKee, wore a dainty dress of tan silk. B. Griffiths, brother of the groom acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cole sang "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" as the bridal party took their places. Rev. D. Forrests performed the ceremony. About thirty-five guests sat down to a bountiful dinner. The good will and best wishes of many friends are extended to the newlyweds. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths will reside in Edmonton.

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	25.00 to 20.00	18.00 to 14.00	12.00 to 10.00	9.00 to 7.50	9.00 to 5.00
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